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Dear Ms. Hesse,

I am writing this letter to urge the Justice Department to accept the proposed settlement negotiated with Microsoft Corp. and end this costly lawsuit.

I feel it is in the best interest of the public and the government to accept the proposed settlement negotiated with Microsoft. Having read about and followed the issue and reviewed debates surrounding the proposal, I have come to the conclusion that it would be a beneficial arrangement for the general public in several ways.

It provides for the introduction of functional and integrated technology resources into the educational system. It offers the potential for widespread benefit, because it includes money for training and support as well as hardware and software. These are more critical to the successful integration of technology into everyday life than are the latest versions of computers and associated programs.

At a time when the economy and our nation are recovering from disruption, I feel that settlement of this case is in the general public's best interest and I urge the Justice Department and all associated parties to settle this matter as soon as possible.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Schneider".

William J. Schneider
Assistant House Republican Leader